

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Mark Trenner (Reg. No. 43,961) on January 2, 2009.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

Cancel Claims 10 and 16.

Claim 14. (Currently Amended) The multifunction printer of claim 13 ~~wherein the~~
~~further comprising an~~ optical character recognition function ~~is further~~ configured to
optically recognize at least one of:

~~the text of the at least one printed page from the electronic image file scanned~~
printed page as the first page description file; and

~~an electronic identifier of the at least one printed page from the electronic image~~
~~file scanned printed page~~ for use as a memory pointer that points to an external
memory location and retrieving the first page description file from that external memory
location; and

~~an electronic identifier of the at least one printed page from the electronic image~~
~~file scanned printed page~~ for use as a memory storage that stores the first page
description file and retrieving the first page description file from that memory storage.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended) The multifunction printer of claim [[16]] 13
~~wherein the~~ further comprising an edit manager comprises having:

an edit rules library configured to support application of the electronic editing instructions of the edit symbol array and including at least one of a grammar function, a dictionary function, and a format function.

Claim 25, line 7, “the multifunction printer at least one” should be -- the multifunction printer, at least one --.

ALLOWANCE

Allowable Subject Matter

3. **Claims 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 13-15, 17-19 and 25** are allowed. These claims will be renumbered as 1-12.

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of record do not teach or suggest the claim limitation of electronically and automatically modifying, via the multifunction printer and a computer in communication with and in cooperation with the multifunction printer, wherein modifying the first page description file comprises: retrieving at least one electronic edit instruction from a second edit symbol array stored in the computer and applying, at the computer, the at least one electronic edit instruction to the first page description file.

The most relevant art of MacLean (US 7,131,061) teaches a method of editing a printed page by modifying the first page description file using the at least one electronic edit instruction corresponds to a handwritten edit symbol. However, MacLean does not

Art Unit: 2625

teach the applicant's claimed combination of electronically identifying and modifying the first page description file at the computer using the second edit symbol array stored in the computer.

5. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to CHAN S. PARK whose telephone number is (571)272-7409. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8am-4:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward Coles can be reached on (571) 272-7402. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Art Unit: 2625

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

/CHAN S PARK/
Examiner, Art Unit 2625

January 2, 2009